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Lend your voice to our Legislative process! This newsletter highlights bills currently under consideration by the Howard County Council and now that the Maryland General Assembly has convened, it also includes legislation sponsored by our Howard County Delegation and other bills related to Howard County citizens.

To promote an engaged citizenry, I encourage you to review this information. The Council welcomes your testimony on legislation it is currently considering. To do so, please share your comments by emailing councilmail@howardcountymd.gov. You may join us during our Public Hearing, generally held the 3rd Monday of each month. To sign-up in advance to testify, click [here](#). The Howard County Delegation also hosts public hearings and welcomes your testimony. To testify, email hoc1@mlis.state.md.us.

I hope you find this newsletter informative and use this opportunity to become an integral part of our legislative process.



Legislative
Update

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

CR27-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION indicating support by both the County Council and County Executive for a project to finance and construct a new courthouse.



Howard County Council Legislation

The following legislation is introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive unless otherwise noted.

PREFILED LEGISLATION

All prefired legislation scheduled to be introduced at this month's legislative session can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

APPOINTMENTS

CR18-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jessica Obiageli Epps to the Commission for Women.

CR19-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving a list of Howard County residents to be sent to the Governor, in accordance with State law, so that the Governor may choose one of the residents from the list to fill a vacancy on the Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board.

CR20-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kimberly Salazar to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

CR21-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jean Xu to the Public Ethics Commission.

CR22-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Mickey Day to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

CR23-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Elaine R. Ritchey to the Animal Matters Hearing Board.

CR24-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Paula M. Schultz to the Animal Matters Hearing Board.

GENERAL

CB10-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017 in order to correct certain Department of Housing and Community Development funds that were mistakenly appropriated to the Grants Fund instead of the Program Revenue Fund; to correct certain Department of Planning and Zoning debt service appropriation in the Agricultural Land Preservation Fund mistakenly reduced by certain revenue sources; to increase the Water and Sewer Grants Fund appropriation in the Department of Public Works in order to have sufficient spending authority for an unanticipated grant received by the County; to reduce the Grants Fund for the Department of Housing and Community Development by \$550,000 and amend the total Grants Fund accordingly; to add a total of \$550,000 to the Program Revenue Fund of the Department of Housing and Community Development and amend the total Program Revenue Fund accordingly; to add a total of \$6,608,200 to the Agricultural Land Preservation Fund for the

CB15-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and cosponsored by Greg Fox

AN ACT further stating the purpose of the Howard County Right-To-Farm Act; recommending certain legal fees under certain conditions; and generally related to the Howard county Right-To-Farm Act.

CB16-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and cosponsored by Greg Fox

AN ACT amending PlanHoward 2030, the general plan for Howard County, in order to amend Growth Tiers, as required by the Maryland Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012; revising certain maps to reflect changes in Growth Tiers; amending text to describe Growth Tiers; and generally relating to planning, zoning and land use in Howard County.

CR25-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Department of Planning and Zoning and amend the total Agricultural Land Preservation Fund accordingly; and generally relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017.

CB11-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Multi-Year Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement between Howard County and SunTrust Equipment Finance & Leasing Corp. for financing the acquisition of seven new buses to be used as part of the Regional Transit Agency's fixed-route fleet; authorizing the Executive to make changes to the Agreement, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Agreement; and generally relating to the Agreement.

CB12-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Multi-Year Lease Agreement between the County and KSM Timbers, LLC, for the operation and maintenance of the Timbers at Troy Golf Course; authorizing the Executive to make changes to the Agreement, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Agreement; and generally relating to the Agreement.

CB13-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Seventh Amendment and Renewal of Lease between Howard County, Maryland and Symphony Woods, LLC, for the lease of approximately 1,653 square feet of space located at 5950 Symphony Woods Drive, Columbia, Maryland during a multi-year renewal term; authorizing the Executive to make changes to the Amendment, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Amendment; and generally relating to the Amendment.

CB14-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Planned and Scheduled Maintenance Agreement between Nixon Power Services, LLC d/b/a Nixon Energy Solutions and Howard County, Maryland that requires certain indemnification in future fiscal years.

A RESOLUTION declaring that a total of approximately 7,930 square feet of real property owned by Howard County, Maryland known as a portion of Governors Run Open Space Lot 130 is no longer needed for a public purpose in exchange for the conveyance to the County of 13,000 square feet of land to be designated as Open Space; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the property to the owner of the adjacent property; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the property if he finds that the land may have a further public use.

CR26-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201(a) of the Howard County Code, declaring that a portion of a 20-foot Water Easement and a 20-foot Sewer Easement, comprising a total of approximately 0.2773 acres, is no longer needed by Howard County, Maryland for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to terminate the property interest, vesting title to the underlying property owner, the Howard County Housing Commission; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to abandon such portion of the easement if he finds that such portion of the easement may have a further public use.

SAO2-FY2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$600,000 from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Planning and Zoning for the Strategic Demolition Fund Grant and the Façade Improvement Program Grant, both to be awarded from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development; and amending the General Fund total for the Department of Planning and Zoning in order to have sufficient spending authority to fund a General Fund match requirement for the Strategic Demolition Fund Grant.

CURRENT LEGISLATION

Legislation below is currently pending and under consideration by the County Council. Action

APPOINTMENTS

[CR2-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kenneth M. Barnes to the Pension Oversight Commission.

[CR3-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment Christine E. Conn to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

[CR4-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Leslie B. Kornreich to the Commission on Disability Issues.

[CR5-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment Nancy McAllister to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

[CR6-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Michelle K. Melotti-Merdon to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

[CR7-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Leslie P. Salgado-Tamayo to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

[CR8-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment Ann M. Strozyk to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

[CR9-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving a list of Howard County residents to be sent to the Governor, in accordance with State law, so that the Governor may choose one of the residents from the list to fill a vacancy on the Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board.

[CR10-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Marian S. Vessels to the Commission on Disability Issues

[CR11-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mary Weeks as a member of the Cable Advisory Committee.

[CR12-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Karen Wood to the Commission on Disability Issues.

[CR13-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of John Dove to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

[CR14-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Mary K. Hargadon-Zester to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Board.

[CR15-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Rebecca Roberts to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Board.

GENERAL

[CB1-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending certain permit requirements related to hazardous substances; defining certain terms and setting forth different types of hazardous substances; and generally relating to the Howard County

[CB7-2017](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the Livable Homes Tax Credit in order to amend the features for which one may receive the tax credit; adding certain features; amending the amount of the credit that may be received; amending certain

Fire Prevention Code.

CB2-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Second Amendment for the lease of space; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Agreement.

CB3-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the Annual Budget and Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2017 in order to fund unanticipated expenses related to the Ellicott City flood response and recovery efforts; increasing the General Fund for certain departments; and amending the total General Fund accordingly; adding funding to Capital Project D1165, Flood Mitigation and Stormwater/Waterway Enhancement, and H2014, Road Resurfacing; and generally relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017.

CB4-2017

Introduced by: Jon Weinstein

AN Act requiring periodic reviews and certain revisions to the Howard County Design Manual; generally relating to standards for design and construction in Howard County.

CB5-2017

Introduced by: Greg Fox and Co-sponsored by Mary Kay Sigaty

AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to clarify that court-ordered partitions of real property under certain conditions are not included within the definitions of minor subdivision or resubdivisions under the Subdivision Regulations; and generally relating to Minor Subdivisions and Resubdivisions.

CB6-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT clarifying the definition of eligible property; clarifying certain qualified expenses for purposes of qualifying to receive the tax credit; clarifying the process to receive the tax credit; removing certain obsolete provisions; making certain technical corrections; defining certain terms, and generally related to the tax credit for the restoration and rehabilitation of historic or heritage properties.

reporting requirements; and generally relating to real property tax credits.

CB8-2017

Introduced by: Jon Weinstein and Calvin Ball

AN ACT authorizing the Howard County Office of Law to institute any civil action or other proceedings related to the implementation of the Next Generation Air Transportation System at Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

CB9-2017

Introduced by: Calvin Ball and Jen Teresa

AN ACT providing that certain individuals shall take, or refrain from taking, specified actions with respect to the immigration status of specified individuals; prohibiting certain discrimination based on citizenship status; requiring that certain information related to citizenship status be kept confidential; providing a procedure whenever specified provisions may be preempted by other law; requiring specified officials to take actions under certain circumstances; and generally relating to human rights in Howard County.

CR1-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of Windsor Forest Fox Chasing HOA, Inc. and Gaither Hunt Homeowners Association, Inc.

A RESOLUTION to close all of Winter Thicket Road, as shown in Exhibits A and B, in accordance with Section 18.204 of the Howard County Code.

CR16-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and Cosponsored by Greg Fox

A RESOLUTION adding a reimbursement related to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee; and generally related to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee.

CR17-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson

A RESOLUTION calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on specified dates.

TABLED

CB71-2016 (ZRA167)

Introduced by: Introduced by the Chairperson at the request of Elisa Kamens

CR104-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations Conditional Use section to clarify that indoor noises at Pet Day Care Facilities Conditional Uses must not be detectible at the lot lines; and generally relating to Pet Day Care Facilities Conditional Uses. (tabled 12/05/16)

CB72-2016 (ZRA168)

Introduced by: Introduced by the Chairperson at the request of Demirel Plaza, Inc.

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations Office Transition (OT) section to add several new uses to be allowed as a matter of right; amending the Conditional Use section to allow Child Day Care Centers and Nursery Schools, Day Treatment and Care Facilities and Pet Day Care Facilities as Conditional Uses in the Office Transition (OT) district; and generally relating to the Office Transition (OT) section. (tabled 12/05/16)

the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive's sale of certain real property known as the "Flier Building" owned by Howard County, Maryland, containing approximately 2.159 acres, and located at 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway, Maryland; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to sell the property if he finds that it may have a further public use. (tabled 7/29/16)

CR171-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of John F. Tenerowicz to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency. (tabled 12/05/16)

CR179-2016

Introduced by: Calvin Ball and Jennifer Terrasa

A RESOLUTION calling on the Maryland State Department of Education to contract for a performance audit of the Howard County Public School System and specifying the issues requested to be studied. (tabled 12/05/16)

PRIOR LEGISLATION

All legislation voted on during the previous month can be found online using the legislative search tool by clicking

[here](#).

CB81-2016

Introduced by: Jon Weinstein

AN ACT amending certain fees, as previously set by Council Bill 58-2016, Resolution 65-2016, Resolution 111-2012, and Resolution 63-2016, for a limited time and related to properties damaged by the severe flooding event in historic Ellicott City and elsewhere in Howard County addressed by the Executive Order 2016-05 issued on July 30, 2016; and making this Act an Emergency Bill.

Final Action: PASSED

The Process

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

Upcoming Meetings

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD. The next meetings are as follows:

- **Monday, February 6, 2017** at 7:00 p.m.; Legislative Session
- **Monday, February 13, 2017** at 8:30 a.m.; Monthly Meeting (C. Vernon Gray Room)
- **Tuesday, February 21, 2017** at 7:00 p.m.; Public Hearing
- **Monday, February 27, 2017** at 4:30 p.m.; Work Session (C. Vernon Gray Room)
- **Monday, March 6, 2017** at 7:00 p.m.; Legislative Session
- **Tuesday, March 13, 2017** at 8:30 a.m.; Monthly Meeting (C. Vernon Gray Room)

Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, click [here](#).

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions online and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed in real time on this website.



Howard County Delegation Sponsored Legislation

Legislation in this section are bills sponsored by the Howard County Delegation while the Maryland General Assembly is in session. For details on legislation passed during the 2017 session, go [online](#) or contact **Erinn Camp Mansour** at **410-841-3360** or email **hoc1@mlis.state.md.us**.

The Howard County Delegation has scheduled their fourth meeting to discuss and potentially vote on local bills. The fourth work/voting session of 2017 will be held on **Wednesday, February 8, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.**, in the Lowe House of Delegates Building, Room 218, 6 Bladen Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401. Delegation meetings are open to the public.

[HB0678](#) - Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Chrysalis Pavilion in Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods Ho. Co. 1-17

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation
FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Inner Arbor Trust, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Update: In the House - First Reading Appropriations

[HB0422](#) / [SB0330](#) - Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Carrollton Hall Restoration Ho. Co. 2-17

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation
FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Carrollton Hall, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or

[Howard County - Elected School Board and Districting Commission Ho. Co. 13-17](#)

By: Delegate Flanagan

FOR the purpose of requiring that, beginning with a certain election, certain members of the Howard County Board of Education be elected by districts; providing that a member elected to the county board from a certain geographic area but whose district boundaries are subsequently altered may remain as a member of the county board for a certain period; providing for the termination of the terms of certain members of the county board; establishing an independent Board of Education Districting Commission to draw the districts for the election of the members of the county board; specifying the membership, qualifications, duties, and term of the Commission; requiring the County Executive of Howard County to conduct a certain lottery to choose the members of the Commission; specifying the conditions under which the lottery must be conducted; specifying the qualifications an individual must meet to be entered into the lottery; providing that a nonaffiliated voter is not required to meet a certain qualification; specifying that a member of the Commission is subject to certain public ethics laws and entitled to certain reimbursement; requiring the Commission to adopt rules and procedures to govern its activities; requiring the County Executive to

provide fund for sectarian religious purposes; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Update: In the House - First Reading Appropriations; In the Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation

[HB0407](#) / [SB0329](#) - Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - The Arc of Howard County HVAC System Replacement Ho. Co. 3-17

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation
FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Arc of Howard County, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Update: In the House - First Reading Appropriations; In Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation

[HB0421](#) / [SB0339](#) - Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - PHILLIPS School Commercial Kitchen Ho. Co. 4-17

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation
FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$175,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of PHILLIPS Programs Incorporated for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Update: In the House - First Reading Appropriations; In the Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation

[HB0423](#) / [SB0333](#) - Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - ManneqART Museum and Maryland Fashion Institute Ho. Co. 5-17

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation
FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$333,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of ManneqART, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and

provide funds in the county budget for the Commission; requiring the Howard County Office of Law to provide certain assistance to the Commission; providing for the application of this Act; submitting this Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection; defining certain terms; repealing obsolete provisions; and generally relating to the election of the members of the Howard County Board of Education.

Status: None

[Howard County - Court Offices - Nonpartisan Election, Ho. Co. 14-17](#)

By: Delegate Flanagan
FOR the purpose of establishing a method of election for certain court offices in Howard County on a nonpartisan basis, without regard to political party affiliation; establishing a primary election for candidates for nomination for certain court offices in Howard County to be administered in a certain manner; authorizing any registered voter, with or without any political party affiliation, to participate in such a primary; prohibiting candidates from appearing on primary ballots under certain circumstances; establishing that candidates for certain court offices in Howard County may not be nominated by petition or by a political party that is not required to nominate its candidates by party primary; making a conforming change; and generally relating to a nonpartisan nomination and election for court offices in Howard County.

Status: Withdrawn

[Howard County Board of Education - Sole Source Procurement - Limitation Ho. Co. 15-17](#)

By: Delegate W. Miller
FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Howard County Board of Education from entering into a sole source procurement that costs more than a certain amount; defining a term; and generally relating to sole source procurement by the Howard County Board of Education.

Status: None

[Howard County - Board of Education Fund Transfers - Approval Process Ho. Co. 16-17](#)

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation
FOR the purpose of altering the number of days by which the Howard County Council may act on a written request for budget transfers by the Howard County Board of Education; authorizing the Howard County Council to approve or disapprove a written request for budget transfer in whole or in part; and generally relating to Howard County Board of Education funds.

Status: None

[Howard County - Transfer Tax Exemption and Rate Reduction - Law Enforcement Officers Ho. Co. 17-17](#)

By: Senator Bates

providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Update: In the House - First Reading Appropriations; In the Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation

[HB0391](#) / [SB0331](#) - Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Harriet Tubman Community Center and Museum Ho. Co. 6-17

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Update: In the House - First Reading Appropriations; In the Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation

[HB419](#) / [SB0332](#) - Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Ellicott City Area Flood Mitigation Ho. Co. 7-17

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Update: In the House - First Reading Appropriations; In the Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation

[Howard County - Use of Transfer Tax Revenue - Storm Water Ho. Co. 8-17](#)

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of altering the distribution in Howard County of revenue from a certain local transfer tax to provide funding for certain stormwater and flood control projects; and generally providing for the distribution of certain tax revenue in Howard County.

Status:None

[HB0572](#) - Howard County - Property Tax Credit for Commercial Real Property - Flood Damage Ho. Co. 9-17

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Howard County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on commercial real property that the governing

body of Howard County for the purpose of exempting from the Howard County transfer tax the sale of residential real property to certain law enforcement officers under certain circumstances; establishing the maximum Howard County transfer tax rate applied to the sale of residential real property to certain law enforcement officers under certain circumstances; establishing certain qualifications for the transfer tax exemption or rate reduction; providing for the recapture of the transfer tax exempted or reduced under this Act under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the transfer tax in Howard County.

Status: None

[HB0677](#) - Howard County - Noise Control - Outdoor Concert Venues Ho. Co. 18-17

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of clarifying a certain limitation concerning the electronic amplification of sound at an outdoor concert venue with a certain capacity in Howard County; specifying the point from which certain measurements should be taken concerning the electronic amplification of sound at the venue; specifying that certain limitations concerning the electronic amplification of sound at the venue apply even if a satellite stage is used for an event at the venue; and generally relating to noise control at a certain outdoor concert venue in Howard County

Update: Delegation passed with amendments; In the House - First Reading Environment and Transportation

[Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Thresholds for Tasting Ho. Co. 19-17](#)

By: Delegate W. Miller

FOR the purpose of altering certain thresholds for the amount of alcoholic beverages that a holder of a beer and wine tasting license in Howard County may serve for on-premises consumption; altering certain thresholds for the amount of alcoholic beverages that a holder of a beer, wine, and liquor tasting license in Howard County may serve for on-premises consumption; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.

Status: None

[Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class BD-BWL License Ho. Co. 20-17](#)

By: Senator Guzzone

FOR the purpose of establishing a Class BD-BWL alcoholic beverages license in Howard County; providing that the license authorizes the sale of beer and wine for on- or off-premises consumption and the sale of liquor for on-premises consumption; requiring an applicant for the license to attest to a certain proportion of future food and alcoholic beverages sales during certain hours, based on gross receipts, as a prerequisite to obtaining the license; requiring an applicant for the license to attest to a certain proportion of

body determines has suffered certain damage caused by flood conditions; authorizing the governing body of Howard County to specify the amount and duration of the credit and to provide for the implementation and administration of the credit; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a property tax credit in Howard County for certain flood damage to commercial real property.

Update: Delegation passed with emergency amendment; In the House - First Reading Ways and Means

HB0566 - Howard County - Property Tax - Exemption for Personal Property of Business Located in Historic District Ho. Co. 10-17

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Howard County to exempt certain personal property from the Howard County property tax under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a certain property tax exemption in Howard County.

Status: Delegation passed with amendments; In the House - First Reading Ways and Means

Howard County Board of Education - Elected School Board Ho. Co. 11-17

By: Delegate Atterbeary

FOR the purpose of requiring that, beginning with a certain election, certain members of the Howard County Board of Education be elected by districts and certain members be elected at large; providing that a member elected to the county board from a certain geographic area but whose district boundaries are subsequently altered may remain as a member of the county board for a certain period; providing that in making an appointment to fill a vacancy on the county board the County Executive of Howard County shall endeavor to ensure that the county board reflects certain characteristics of the county population; providing for the termination of the terms of certain members of the county board; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the election of the members of the Howard County Board of Education.

Status: None

Howard County Board of Education - Independent Redistricting Commission Ho. Co. 12-17

By: Senator Bates

FOR the purpose of requiring that, beginning with a certain election, the members of the Howard County Board of Education be elected by districts; providing that a member elected to the county board from a certain geographic area but whose district boundaries are subsequently altered may remain as a member of the county board for a certain

food and alcoholic beverages sales during certain hours, based on gross receipts from sales during a certain time, as a prerequisite to renewing the license; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations providing for the inspection of certain premises; authorizing the Board to revoke the license under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to require a license holder to provide certain supporting data relating to the ratio of gross receipts from the sale of food to those from the sale of food and alcoholic beverages; authorizing a license holder to hold a certain number of certain licenses; specifying the hours of sale; setting an annual license fee; and generally relating to Class BD-BWL licenses in Howard County.

Status: None

Howard County - Archery Hunting - Safety Zone Ho. Co. 21-17

By: Delegate W. Miller

FOR the purpose of establishing for archery hunters in Howard County a safety zone of a certain size within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to archery hunting in Howard County.

Status: None

Howard County - Archery Hunting - Safety Zone Ho. Co. 22-17

By: Delegate Flanagan

FOR the purpose of establishing for archery hunters in Howard County a safety zone of a certain size within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to archery hunting in Howard County.

Status: None

Howard County - Deer Bow Hunting - Sundays Ho. Co. 23-17

By: Delegate Flanagan

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on private property in Howard County on Sundays during the deer bow hunting season; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to deer bow hunting on Sundays in Howard County.

Status: None

Howard County - Fire Investigator - Qualifications Ho. Co. 24-17

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation

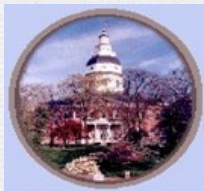
FOR the purpose of providing that under certain circumstances, a Howard County fire investigator operating in Howard County has the same authority as the State Fire Marshal and a full-time investigative and inspection assistant in the Office of the State Fire Marshal to make arrests without a warrant and exercise certain powers of arrest; authorizing a Howard County fire investigator to exercise certain authority while operating outside Howard County under certain circumstances;

period; prohibiting a member of the county board from being a candidate for another elected public office while serving as a member of the county board; providing that in making an appointment to the county board the County Executive of Howard County shall endeavor to ensure that the county board reflects certain characteristics of the county population; establishing the Howard County Board of Education Redistricting Commission; providing for the membership of the Commission and the filling of a vacancy on the Commission; authorizing certain organizations to appoint certain members of the Commission; specifying certain qualifications and limitations concerning the members of the Commission; specifying certain standards and requirements to which the Commission must adhere when establishing districts for the election of the members of the county board; requiring the Commission to produce certain maps and reports, to hold certain hearings, and to allow for certain public participation and review during its proceedings; requiring the County Council of Howard County, the Howard County Public School System, and the Howard County Board of Elections to provide certain assistance to the Commission; requiring the Commission to establish the districts for the election of the members of the county board by a certain date; providing for the termination of the terms of certain members of the county board; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the election of the members of the Howard County Board of Education by districts.

Status: None

authorizing the Howard County Fire Chief to limit certain authority of a fire investigator and to express the limitation in writing; excluding a Howard County fire investigator from the definition of "law enforcement officer" under the law relating to the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights; including a Howard County fire investigator in the definition of "police officer" in connection with provisions of law relating to the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission and in the definition of "law enforcement official" in connection with the authorized carrying of a handgun by a person engaged in law enforcement; defining certain terms; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to certify certain fire and explosive investigators as police officers by a certain date under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the authority of the Howard County fire investigators.

Status: None



General Assembly of Maryland - HC Delegation Leadership

I'd like to personally thank all our state legislators as they begin their work in Annapolis, representing our great state and county. A special congratulations to those undertaking new leadership roles, joining new committees and/or subcommittees as well as those who continue to serve in their current position. We thank you for lending your passion and expertise to our legislative process. Below you will find membership information.

Senator Guy Guzzone

Co-Chair, Howard County Delegation

Majority Whip

Budget and Taxation Committee

Chair, Pensions Subcommittee

Health and Human Services Subcommittee

Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review (AELR)

Joint Audit Committee

Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions

Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary

Co-Chair, Howard County Delegation

Judiciary Committee

Chair, Family Law Subcommittee

Juvenile Law Subcommittee

Delegate Shane Pendergrass

Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee

Rules and Executive Nominations

Legislative Policy Committee
Chair, Death with Dignity Workgroup
Joint Oversight Committee on Maryland Health Benefit Exchange

Delegate Frank Turner

Rules and Executive Nominations
Vice Chair, Ways and Means
Chair, Election Law Subcommittee
Chair, Vice Chairs Subcommittee

Senator Ed Kasemeyer

Chair, Budget and Taxation
Executive Nominations
Rules Committee
Legislative Policy Committee
Management Subcommittee
Spending Affordability Committee
Joint Oversight Committee on Maryland Health Benefit Exchange

Delegate Eric Ebersole

Ways and Means Committee
Education Subcommittee
Finance Resources Subcommittee
Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families

Delegate Dr. Terri Hill

Health and Government Operations Committee
Insurance Subcommittee
Death with Dignity Workgroup

Delegate Dr. Clarence Lam

Appropriations Committee
Oversight Committee on Pensions

Senator Gail Bates

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
Comptroller Issues Subcommittee
Health Subcommittee
Joint Audit Committee
Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families
Joint Committee on Protocol

Delegate Robert Flanagan

Regional Revitalization Workgroup
Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review (AELR)

Delegate Trent Kittleman

Judiciary Committee
Civil Law and Procedure Subcommittee

Delegate Warren Miller

Economic Matters Committee
Property and Causality Insurance Subcommittee
Public Utilities Subcommittee
Unemployment Insurance Subcommittee
Rules and Executive Nominations
Joint Committee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology and Biotechnology
Joint Committee on Legislative Information Technology and Open Government



General Assembly Highlighted Legislation

Full text on all legislation being considered during the General Assembly's 437th session, can be accessed via website by clicking [here](#).

HB0011

Vehicle Laws - Causing Diesel Emissions to Discharge Onto Another - Prohibition

By: Delegate Lam

Prohibiting a person from causing a diesel-powered motor vehicle to emit clearly visible smoke, soot, or other exhaust emissions onto another person or motor vehicle; and providing for the application of the Act.

HB0590

State Board of Education - Membership - Teachers and Parents

By: Delegate Ebersole

Altering the membership of the State Board of Education to add three members who are certified teachers and two who are parents of students enrolled in public schools; requiring the Governor to appoint specified parent members with the advice and consent of the

Status: In the House - Heard on 1/26

HB0242

Vehicle Laws - Use of Handheld Telephone While Driving - Penalty

By: Delegate Turner

Providing for a maximum fine of \$500 for a violation of specified prohibitions against using a handheld telephone while driving a motor vehicle; etc.

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m.

HB0303

Departmental Secretaries - Campaign and Working Hour Activities

By: Delegate Turner

Prohibiting a secretary of a principal department of the Executive Branch of State government from soliciting, accepting, transmitting, or depositing in a campaign account contributions or donations for the benefit of a candidate or political party; prohibiting a secretary from being a candidate for a public elective office while serving as secretary; authorizing the State Board of Elections to impose a civil penalty on specified entities as a result of a violation of this Act; etc.

Status: In the House - First Reading Ways and Means

HB0455

Criminal Law - Animal Cruelty - Applicability

By: Delegate Atterbeary

Clarifying that a person who has charge or custody of an animal and who unnecessarily fails to provide the animal with proper air, proper space, proper shelter, or proper protection from the weather is guilty of violating a specified prohibition against abuse or neglect of an animal; and clarifying that a person who intentionally mutilates, intentionally tortures, intentionally cruelly beats, or intentionally cruelly kills an animal is guilty of violating a specified prohibition against aggravated cruelty to animals.

Status: In the House - First Reading Judiciary

HB0481

State Racing Commission - Equine Medical Director - Employment and Costs

By: Delegate Turner

Authorizing the State Racing Commission to employ an equine medical director; and requiring the Commission to direct that thoroughbred and standardbred track licensees, thoroughbred and standardbred owners and trainers, and thoroughbred and standardbred breeders pay the cost of employing the equine medical director based on a specified percentage.

Status: In the House - First Reading Ways and Means

Senate from a specified list submitted to the Governor by the Maryland PTA; requiring the Department to provide notice of a specified vacancy to the Maryland PTA; etc.

Status: In the House - First Reading Ways and Means

HB0598

Counties and Municipal Corporations - "Sanctuary Laws" for Illegal aliens - Prohibition

By: Delegate Miller

Requiring local governments to fully comply with and support federal immigration law; prohibiting local governments from restricting specified individuals from requesting, obtaining, sending, receiving, or maintaining specified immigration information; requiring local governments to implement specified requirements and obligations in a manner that is consistent with federal immigration law and protects civil rights; etc.

Status: In the House - First Reading Judiciary and Appropriations

HB0023 SB0341

Vehicle Laws - School Vehicles - Definition

By: Delegate Lam

Altering the definition of "school vehicle" to include specified vehicles that meet or comply with specified standards and requirements, were originally titled and used to transport children, students, and teachers in another state, comply with the regulations on transporting children enrolled in the federally funded Head Start Program, and are used only for transporting children to and from a Head Start program.

Status: In the House - Heard on 1/26

In the Senate - Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.

HB0616 SB0232

Education - Pregnant and Parenting Students - Attendance Policy

By: Delegate Atterbeary

Specifying that a student's absence from school due to the student's pregnancy or parenting needs is a lawful absence; requiring each county board of education to develop a written attendance policy for pregnant and parenting students that meets specified requirements; etc.

Status: In the House - First Reading Ways and Means; In the Senate - Hearing 2/01 at 2:00 p.m.

HB0036 SB0302

Vehicle Laws - Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles - Reserved Parking Spaces

By: Delegate Lam

Prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle that is not a plug-in electric drive vehicle in a parking space that is designated for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles; requiring that a parking space for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles have green pavement markings; requiring that a

[HB0484](#)

Family Law - Marriage - Age Requirements

By: Delegate Atterbeary

Prohibiting, subject to a specified exception, an individual under the age of 18 from marrying; and authorizing an individual 16 or 17 years old to marry under specified circumstances.

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m.

[HB0516](#)

Workgroup to Study the Implementation of Universal Access to Prekindergarten for 4-Year-Olds

By: Delegate Atterbeary

Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Implementation of Universal Access to Prekindergarten for 4-Year-Olds; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters and to report its findings to the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education by September 1, 2017; etc.

Status: In the House - First Reading Ways and Means

[HB0579](#)

Circuit Court Judges - Election, Qualifications, and Term of Office

By: Delegate Hill

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution relating to the selection and tenure of circuit court judges; requiring an appointment of a circuit court judge to be subject to Senate confirmation; providing for a retention election following an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge of a circuit court; altering the term of office of circuit court judges from 15 years to 10 years; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m. (Judiciary)

[HB0581](#)

Maryland Medical Practice Act - Individuals Exempt From Licensure - Repeal of Criminal History Records Check Requirement

By: Delegate Hill

Repealing the requirement that, in order to practice medicine without a license while performing specified duties, a medical student or an individual in a postgraduate medical training program approved by the State Board of Physicians must submit to a criminal history records check in accordance with a specified provision of law; etc.

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations.

parking space for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles be counted as part of the overall number of parking spaces for specified purposes; applying a civil penalty of \$100 for a violation of the Act; etc.

Status: In the House - Heard on 1/26

In the Senate - Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.

[HB0066](#)

Environment - Lead and Mercury Wheel Weights - Prohibited

By: Delegate Lam

Prohibiting specified persons from using, allowing to be used, or selling lead or mercury wheel weights after specified dates; requiring the State to ensure that no vehicle in the State fleet is equipped with an externally attached lead wheel weight that is composed of greater than 0.1% lead by weight or greater than 0.1% mercury by weight after January 1, 2019; and providing for the enforcement of the Act, including the required issuance of a warning for an initial violation.

Status: In the House - Heard on 1/25

[HB0216 SB0269](#)

Emergency Veterinary Care - Immunity From Liability

By: Delegate Lam

Providing that prohibitions relating to the practice of veterinary medicine do not apply to emergency veterinary care for which a person may not be held civilly liable; providing immunity from civil liability for specified people providing emergency veterinary aid, care, or assistance to an animal where the owner or custodian is not available to grant permission under specified circumstances; etc.

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.; In the Senate - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m. (Judicial Proceedings)

[HB0370 SB0354](#)

Richard E. Israel and Roger "Pip" Moyer End-of-Life Option Act

By: Delegate Pendergrass

Authorizing an individual to request aid in dying by making specified requests; prohibiting another individual from requesting aid in dying on behalf of an individual; requiring a written request for aid in dying to meet specified requirements; establishing specified requirements for witnesses to a written request for aid in dying; requiring a written request for aid in dying to be in a specified form; etc.

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m. (Health and Government Operations); In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings

[SB0257 HB0267](#)

Program Open Space - Authorized Transfer to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund Increase

By: Senator Kasemeyer

Increasing from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000 the maximum amount that may be transferred, in the State budget or through a specified

budget amendment process, to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund from funds that are distributed to Program Open Space.

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.

[SB0476 HB0580](#)

Behavioral Health Community Providers - Keep the Door Open Act

By: Senator Guzzone

Legislation to support mental health and substance use disorders providers is top legislative priority for nonprofit coalition

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance)

I hope you have found this information insightful as both the County Council and Delegation continue advocating on behalf of Howard County. Consider lending your voice to our legislative process and please feel free to share this information with your friends, family, and neighbors to help me in my goal to create an informed citizenry.

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